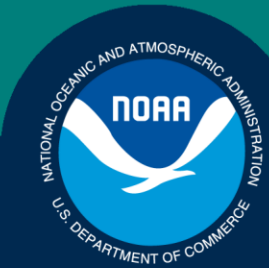


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Protected Resources Activities for Deepwater Horizon MC252 Spill

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Prior to Spill

- ESA §7 Consultation on 5-year lease plan
 - Programmatic covering exploration and production
 - Included impacts of potential spill
- MMPA incidental take authorization
 - Authorization for rig removal
 - Processing authorization for seismic exploration
 - No application for take incidental to drilling





Response



- Mobilize stranding network
- Collect , treat, rehab and release oiled animals
- Minimize adverse effects of response
- Train staff
- Advise command

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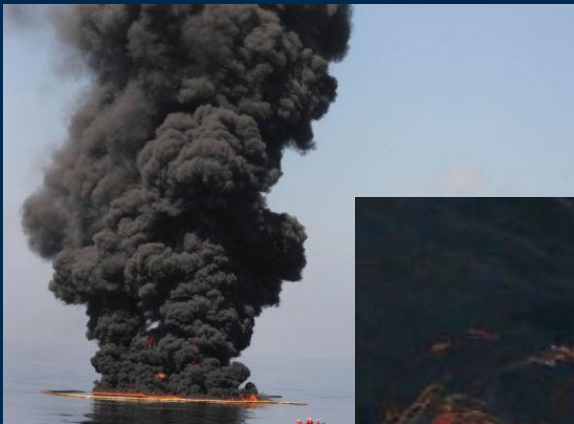
Analysis and Documentation



- Is stranding caused by spill?
- Necropsies
 - histopathology
 - chemical analysis
- Input to NRDA process



Concerns



- Incidental mortality
- Undocumented mortality
- Hatchlings
- Lasting/long-term impacts



Emergency Consultation

- During emergency
 - Advise FOSC
 - Minimize effects
 - Document take
- After emergency
 - Document recommendations
 - Rest baseline
 - Consider Remediation

